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Research areas

Specialization: metaphysics, philosophy of mind.

Competences: epistemology, philosophy of art, philosophy of language.

Employment

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Virginia Tech, USA: 2013–present.

Visiting Researcher, Department of Philosophy, Linguistics, and Theory of Science, University of Gothenburg, Sweden: Fall, 2018.

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Lingnan University, Hong Kong: 2009–2013.

Education

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2009: Ph.D. in Philosophy.

University of Florida, 2002: M.A. in Philosophy.

University of North Carolina, Greensboro, 1999: B.A. in Philosophy.

Research

Articles

1. “Prioritizing Platonism,” with Sam Cowling, *Philosophical Studies* (forthcoming).
2. “Inheritance Arguments for Fundamentality.” In R. Bliss and G. Priest (eds.), *Reality and its Structure: Essays in Fundamentality*. Oxford UP (2018): 182–198.
3. “Grounding-Mechanical Explanation,” *Philosophical Studies* 175/6 (2018): 1289–1309.
4. “Priority Monism,” *Philosophy Compass* 12 (2017): 1–10.
5. “Revelation and Physicalism,” *Synthese* 194 (2017): 2345–2366.
6. “Placement, Grounding, and Mental Content.” In C. Daly (ed.), *The Palgrave Handbook on Philosophical Methods*. Palgrave (2015): 481–496.
7. “Artwork Completion: A Response to Gover,” with P. Livingston, *The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism* 73/4 (2015): 460–462.
8. “The Complete Work,” with P. Livingston, *The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism* 72/3 (2014): 225–233.
9. “Metaphysical Grounding,” with R. Bliss. In E. Zalta (ed.), *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2014).
10. “Grounding: Necessary or Contingent?” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 94/4 (2013): 465–485.
11. “An Introduction to Grounding.” In M. Hoeltje et al (eds.), *Varieties of Dependence*. Philosophia Verlag (2013): 97–122.

12. “Intrinsicity for Monists (and Pluralists),” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 88/3 (2010): 555–558.
13. “The Modal Status of Materialism,” with J. Levine, *Philosophical Studies* 145/3 (2009): 351–362.
14. “Physicalism and Sparse Ontology,” *Philosophical Studies* 143/2 (2009): 147–165.
15. “Monism and Intrinsicity,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 87/1 (2009): 127–148.
16. “Intrinsicity without Naturalness,” with D.G. Witmer and B. Butchard, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 70/2 (2005): 326–350.

Reviews and other work

1. “Grounding.” In R. Audi (ed.), *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*, third edition (2015).
2. Review of G. Coggins, *Could There Have Been Nothing? Against Metaphysical Nihilism* (Palgrave, 2010), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2011).
3. Review of D. Stoljar, *Ignorance and Imagination: The Epistemic Origin of the Problem of Consciousness* (OUP, 2006), *Philosophical Review* 118/2 (2009): 269–272.

Talks

1. “Grounding and the Explanatory Gap,” University of Gothenburg (November, 2018).
2. “Full and Partial Grounding,” Eidos Workshop, University of Geneva (October, 2018).
3. “Full Grounding and Nothing-Over-And-Above-Ness,” Metaphysical Explanation Workshop, Lund University (August, 2018).
4. “Grounding and Truthmaking,” Grounding Conference, University of Hamburg (May, 2018).
5. “Against the Standard Definition of Partial Grounding”
 - Fundamentality in Physics and Metaphysics Workshop, University of Geneva (May, 2018).
 - Metaphysical Explanation Workshop, University of Gothenburg (February, 2018).
 - 14th Biennial UMass Philosophy Homecoming, UMass Amherst (October, 2017).
6. “Grounding-Mechanical Explanation”
 - The Ontology of Compositional Explanation Workshop, Rutgers University, Newark (May, 2017).
 - Metaphysical Explanation Workshop, University of Gothenburg (September, 2016).
 - Grounding and Explanation Workshop, University of Agder (March, 2016).
7. “The Modal Status of Monism,” Early Career Metaphysics Workshop, Virginia Tech (April, 2017).
8. “Prioritizing Platonism,” with S. Cowling
 - Monism Conference, Rutgers University, New Brunswick (November, 2016).
 - Monism Conference, Jean Nicod Institute (May, 2016).
9. “Inheritance Arguments for Fundamentality”
 - William & Mary Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Keynote Address (March, 2016).
 - Department Colloquium, Denison University (February, 2016).

- Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, University of Ottawa (June, 2015).
10. “Grounding and Program Explanation”
 - Truth and Grounds Conference, Ascona, Switzerland (May, 2015).
 - First Veritas Philosophy Conference, Yonsei University (June, 2014).
 - Department Colloquium, The University of Florida (April, 2014).
 - American Philosophical Association (APA), Central Division, Chicago, IL (February, 2014).
 - Early Career Metaphysics Workshop, Western Michigan University (November, 2013).
 11. “Revelation and Physicalism”
 - Philosophy of Mind Workshop, Virginia Tech (April, 2015).
 - Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SSPP), New Orleans, LA (April, 2015).
 - Department Colloquium, Victoria University of Wellington (May, 2013).
 12. “Placement, Grounding, and Mental Content”
 - Scientific Explanation and Methodology of Science Conference, Shanxi University (September, 2012).
 - 8th Annual Chinese Conference on Analytic Philosophy, Shandong University (August, 2012).
 - Workshop on Metaphysics and the Philosophy of Mind, University of Oslo (July, 2012).
 - Mind and Consciousness Conference, University of Western Australia (February, 2012).
 - Department Colloquium, Australian National University (October, 2011).
 13. “Grounding: Necessary or Contingent?”
 - PERSP Metaphysics Seminar, University of Barcelona (April, 2012).
 - Eastern APA, Washington DC (December, 2011).
 - Grounding and Determination Workshop, University of Geneva (March, 2011).
 14. “An Introduction to Grounding,” University of Hong Kong (May, 2011).
 15. “The Non-Transitivity of Metaphysical Explanation,” Pacific APA, San Diego, CA (April, 2011).
 16. “Grounding: Explanation and Dependence”
 - Because II Conference, Humboldt University (September, 2010).
 - Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, Sydney, Australia (July, 2010).
 17. “Grounding, Border-Sensitivity, and Intrinsicity”
 - Central APA, Chicago, IL (February, 2010).
 - Parts and Places: A Workshop in Metaphysics, Australian National University (November, 2009).
 18. “Experiential Acquaintance and Demonstrative Thought,” Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP), Philadelphia, PA (June, 2008).
 19. “Physicalism and Sparse Ontology,” Central APA, Chicago, IL (April, 2008).
 20. “Monism and Intrinsicity,” Central APA, Chicago, IL (April, 2007).
 21. “Consciousness and Direct Apprehension,” Society for Exact Philosophy Conference (SEP), Toronto, Canada (May, 2005).

22. “Moral Imaginative Resistance,” SEP, Baltimore, MD (May, 2004).
23. “Dualism, Mental Causation, and Counterfactuals”
 - Pacific APA, San Francisco, CA (February, 2002).
 - SSPP, Nashville, TN (March, 2002).

Comments

1. S. Cowling, *Abstract Objects* (book symposium), Pacific APA, Vancouver (April, 2019)
2. E. Shumener, “Explaining Identity and Distinctness,” Workshop on the Principle of Sufficient Reason, Simon Frasier University (April, 2018).
3. F. Amijee, “Grounding Perspectival Facts,” Pacific APA, Seattle, WA (April, 2017).
4. A. Thomasson, “Metaphysical Disputes and Metalinguistic Negotiation,” Eastern APA, Baltimore, MD (January, 2017).
5. J. Kroll, “Defending the Easy Road to Nominalism,” Central APA, Chicago, IL (March, 2016).
6. J. Vertanen, “Grounding is not Ontological Dependence,” Eastern APA, Washington DC (January, 2016).
7. J. Shields and K. Blanchette, “Clearing the Way: Against Hofweber’s Objections to Substantive Metaphysics,” The Society for the Metaphysics of Science, Rutgers University, Newark (September, 2015).
8. R. Bliss, “What Dependent Entities Explain,” Early Career Metaphysics Workshop, Grand Valley State University (April, 2015).
9. D.M. Kovacs’ “Metaphysical Explanation without Grounding,” Central APA, Saint Louis, MO (February, 2015).
10. T. Robertson, “Things Undreamt of: Chandler’s Paradox, Modal Properties, and Plenitude,” Metaphysics on the Mountain, Sun Valley, Idaho (March, 2014).
11. E. Conee, “Against Debasing Skepticism,” 12th Biennial UMass Philosophy Homecoming, UMass Amherst (October, 2013).
12. E. Brady, “Aesthetics and Climate Change,” Environmental Aesthetics Conference, Lingnan University (November, 2011).
13. J. Neisser, “Meeting Jackson’s Constraint: On Subjectivity, Neurobiology, and the Explanatory Gap,” SSPP, Savannah, GA (April, 2009).
14. R. Schroer, “Where’s the Beef? How the Content of Phenomenal Concepts Can Be Substantial Even If They Contain Demonstrative Elements,” SSPP, New Orleans, LA (March, 2008).

Grants

1. 2018: The Aesthetics of Contemporary Science Research: An Exhibition, ICAT Research Initiation Grant (Virginia Tech), Co-PI.
2. 2018: Research Grant (Department of Philosophy, Linguistics, and Theory of Science, University of Gothenburg).
3. 2017–2019: Metaphysical Explanation (Riksbankens Jubileumsfond), Advisory Board Member.

4. 2013: Assistant Professor Mentoring Grant (Virginia Tech).

Service

Professional

1. Associate Editor: *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*: 2012–present.
2. Section Editor: grounding and monism sections of PhilPapers: 2012–present.
3. Program Committee: Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress: 2015, 2016.
4. Conference Organizer: *Early Career Metaphysics Workshop*, Virginia Tech (April 7–8, 2017); *Philosophy of Mind Workshop*, Virginia Tech (April 24–25, 2015); *Art and Metaphysics Conference* (May 16–18, 2012), Lingnan University; *Properties and Dependence*, Lingnan University (November 20–21, 2010).
5. Referee: *Analysis*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, Canadian Philosophical Association, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Dialectica*, Florida Philosophical Association, *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Mind*, National Science Center Poland, *Noûs*, Oxford University Press, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*, Routledge, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Society for Exact Philosophy, Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Society for the Metaphysics of Science, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, *Studia Philosophica Estonica*, *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*, *Synthese*, and *Thought*.

Department

1. Philosophy Forum Organizer: 2017–present.
2. Teaching Committee: 2014–present.
3. Calendar Administrator: 2013–2017.
4. Departmental Colloquia Organizer: 2016–present.
5. Graduate Committee: 2016–present.

College

1. Library Committee: 2013–2016.
2. Diversity Committee: 2013–2017.
3. Faculty Council: 2016–present.
4. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: 2017–2018.

University

1. Faculty Senate: 2016–present.

Community

1. Advisor, Virtual Internship Program, Cross Country High School College and Career Access Program, Cherry Valley, AR.

Teaching

MA seminars

Phenomenal Concepts, Philosophy and Literature.

Undergraduate courses (* = cross-listed for undergrads and MA students)

Metaphysics*, Philosophy of Mind*, Philosophy of Language*, Philosophy of Art, Logic, Critical Thinking, Introduction to Philosophy.

Independent studies

Topics: Phenomenology, Neo-Aristotelian Metaphysics, Quine, Philosophy of Art, Selfhood.